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Military Information

1. The Nationalist G-2 Section believes that the present Communist offensive is designed as preparation for an attack on Mukden. However, before such an attack is possible, the Communists must completely control the area in the triangle from Tiehling (123-51, 42-18) to Faku (123-23, 42-31) to Hsinmin (122-48, 41-59). The possibility of the Communists gaining this important sector is not too great. The present Communist attacks on Changwu (122-29, 42-23) and Hsinlitun (122-08, 42-01) seem to be an indication that the immediate goal of the present offensive is to gain control of cities in easy reach of this important triangle. The Communist action at Hsinmin and the sector between Tiehling and Kaiyuen is for the purpose of containing the Nationalist troops in that area so that the Communist action further west will be unhindered. An attack on this important triangle will come, but it may be delayed until the eighth offensive. The Communist 4 and 8 Columns south and southwest of Mukden respectively will be able to harass the city and its vicinity, but the Nationalist 52 Army and the 207 Division are capable of preventing any large scale offensive from the south.

Order of Battle

2. The Communist New 8 Column is still attacking Hsinlitun.
3. The Communist 2 Column and part of the 9 Column are at Changwu.
4. The Communist 4 Column headquarters is about 20 kilometers southwest of Mukden with brigades as follows: 12 Brigade at Liaochung (122-44, 41-32), 11 Brigade 15 kilometers east of Liaochung, and 10 Brigade 15 kilometers southwest of Liaochung.
5. The Communist 8 Column captured Haicheng (122-45, 40-51). The 8 Column's divisions are as follows: 1 and 3 Divisions northwest of Haicheng, 2 Division at Holankou (123-23, 40-59), and 4 Division at Kanchuanpu (122-51, 40-58).

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6. [REDACTED] about 800 troops of the Nationalist 79 Division moving south from Changwu. The entire east side of the city was in flames and apparently in Communist hands.
7. All Communist units: The 8 Column is still hitting Hsinlitun. Faku is quiet with 1 Column southwest, west and northwest of the city. 3 and 6 Columns are near Kuchiatzu (123-45, 42-33). Part of 9 Column in the Hsin-min area moved northward; its present location is unknown. On 28 December 10,000 unidentified Communists were observed 12 kilometers northeast of Mukden. 10 Column is at Chiumen (123-19, 42-14). The 10, 11 and 12 Brigades of 4 Column are southwest of Mukden, but their exact locations are unknown.
8. All Nationalist units: The 92 Army is being flown to Mukden as soon as the New 2 Army takes over in Tientsin. On 28 December the 87 and 88 Divisions of the 71 Army arrived in Mukden. The Temporary 22 Division is at Chinchou (121-07, 41-07). The Temporary 30 Division is at Tiehling. The New 30 Division has returned to Mukden. 14 Division is east of Hsinmin. 2 Division is at Mukden and Liaoyang (123-15, 41-16). 25 Division is at Anshan (122-57, 41-04). The Temporary 55 Division is at Tahushan (122-07, 41-38). The 195 Division is at Hsinmin. The Temporary 20 Division is at Fouhsin (121-39, 42-03).
9. The 2 Column took Changwu, and part of this Column is now moving toward Hsinmin.
10. Half of 7 Column is enroute to Hsinlitun; the remainder is moving on Hsinmin. 9 Column is north of Hsinmin. The Mongolian 3 Division has joined the attack on Hsinlitun. The Mongolian 2 Division is northeast of Hsinmin. The 3 and 6 Columns are also moving toward Hsinmin.
11. The 10,000 unidentified Communists reported northeast of Mukden moved to Wanchintai (123-34, 42-03).

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All Communist units, paragraphs 12 - 15.

12. The 1 Column is southwest of Faku. The main force of 6 Column is between Hsinmin and Faku. 7 Column is at Changwu. 8 Column is around Hsinlitun. Parts of the 9 Column are at Kacshantsu (122-01, 41-33), Heishan (122-05, 41-42) and Tahushan. The 3 Column is at Chiumen and vicinity.
13. On 31 December Communist troops of the East Kirin Military District plus unidentified Korean troops, total strength about 5,000, moved 14 kilometers west of Changolun. They had some small scale contact with the Nationalist New 7 Army on 1 January. On 2 January these Communists withdrew westward.
14. 5,000 unidentified Communist troops are north of Nungan (125-11, 44-26). This unit came from north of Sungari and is composed of Mongolians, Koreans, Japanese and Chinese.
15. The Mukden area is quiet. 4 Column is north of Liaochung (122-44, 41-32).

All Nationalist units, paragraphs 16 - 18.

16. The Temporary 18 Division is at Hsinmin. The remainder of the 93 Army is at Chinchou. The 195 Division is northwest of Hsinmin.

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17. On 2 January the Nationalists pushed off on an offensive in the Chiunan sector with the purpose of contacting the Communist 3 Column. The Nationalist 87 and 91 Divisions moved into the Hsinmin area and are now moving north toward Faku. The Nationalist 169 and 14 Divisions are pushing west from Hsinchengtsu. The 14 and 169 Divisions will make first contact with 3 Column; other units on the east and west will prevent the Communists from withdrawing.
18. On 30 December the Nationalist Temporary 56 Division of the New 7 Army arrived at Ssupingchiah (124-22, 43-11). The remainder of the New 7 Army remains at Changchun.

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